

# PROGRAM SYNTHESIS FOR THE OEIS

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# Discovering patterns in mathematical objects

- Discovery in 1995 of a more efficient formula for generating the **digits of  $\pi$**  by Simon Plouffe.
- In 2005, Hadi Kharaghani and Behruz Tayfeh-Rezaie published their construction of a **Hadamard matrix of order 428**.
- In 2012, Geoffrey Exoo has found **an edge colorings of  $K_{35}$**  that have no complete graphs of order 4 in the first color, and no complete graphs of order 6 in the second color proving that  **$R(4, 6) \geq 36$** .
- Discovery in 2023 of a chiral **aperiodic monotile** by David Smith.

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The prime numbers.

(Formerly M0652 N0241)

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**2, 3, 5, 7, 11**, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97, 101, 103, 107, 109, 113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269, 271 ([list](#); [graph](#); [refs](#); [listen](#); [history](#); [text](#); [internal format](#))

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COMMENTS See [A065091](#) for comments, formulas etc. concerning only odd primes. For all information concerning prime powers, see [A000961](#). For contributions concerning "almost primes" see [A002808](#).

A number  $p$  is prime if (and only if) it is greater than 1 and has no positive divisors except 1 and  $p$ .

A natural number is prime if and only if it has exactly two (positive) divisors.

A prime has exactly one proper positive divisor, 1.

# A synthesize and test approach

OEIS sequence

0, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, ..., 1431

Synthesized program

$$f(x) = (x \times x + x) \div 2$$

Test/Filter:

$$f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1, f(2) = 3, f(3) = 6, \dots, f(53) = 1431$$

# Test: criteria for selecting programs

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An **undesirable large program**

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if x = 0 then 0 else
if x = 1 then 1 else
if x = 2 then 3 else
if x = 3 then 6 else ...
if x >= 53 then 1431
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**Small program** (Occam's Razor)

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^x i$$

**Fast program** (efficiency criterion)

$$f(x) = (x \times x + x) \div 2$$

Possible other criteria: usefulness criterion ?

# Synthesize: a Turing-complete language

- Constants: 0, 1, 2
- Variables:  $x, y$
- Arithmetical operators:  $+, -, \times, \text{div}, \text{mod}$
- Condition: if  $\dots \leq 0$  then  $\dots$  else  $\dots$
- $\text{loop}(f, a, b) := u_a$  where  $u_0 = b$ ,

$$u_n = f(u_{n-1}, n)$$

- Two other loop constructs:  $\text{loop2}$ , a while loop

## Example:

$$2^x = \prod_{y=1}^x 2 = \text{loop}(2 \times x, \mathbf{x}, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{x}! = \prod_{y=1}^x y = \text{loop}(y \times x, \mathbf{x}, 1)$$

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OEIS sequence

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(0.2 X 0.3 X 0.12

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In general, we are given a probability function  $\mathcal{P}(S, P, T)$ .

$$\mathcal{P}([0, 1, 3, 6, \dots], [], "(") = 0.2$$

$$\mathcal{P}([0, 1, 3, 6, \dots], ["("], x) = 0.3$$

$$\mathcal{P}([0, 1, 3, 6, \dots], ["(", x], \times) = 0.12$$

$$\mathcal{P}([0, 1, 3, 6, \dots], ["(", x], +) = 0.67$$

$$\mathcal{P}([2, 3, 5, 7, \dots], ["(", x], +) = 0.60$$

# Synthesize: updating a probabilistic function

Having synthesized the program (fastest so far)  $(x \times x + x) \div 2$  generating

0, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, ..., 1431

how do we update a probabilistic function  $\mathcal{P}$ ?

$$\mathcal{P}_{desired}([0, 1, 3, 6, \dots], [], "(") = 0.2 \rightarrow 1$$

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A neural network finds a smooth curve approximating  $\mathcal{P}_{desired}$ .  
Then  $\mathcal{P}'$  is used to sample new programs from OEIS sequences.

# Self-learning: five different runs

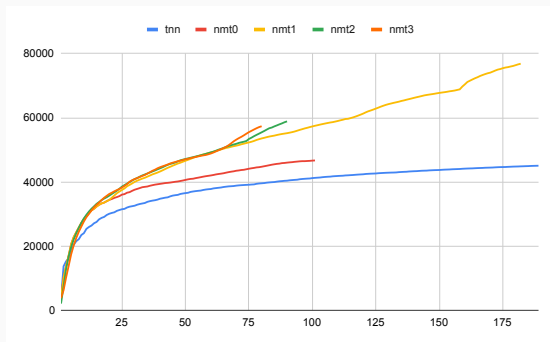


Figure: Number  $y$  of OEIS sequences (with at least one program) after  $x$  iterations

$\mathcal{P}_0$  is a **random** probability distribution function.

$\mathcal{P}_x$  synthesizes/samples 240 programs for each OEIS sequence.

A program may be correct for an other OEIS sequence.

$\mathcal{P}_x$  is updated to  $\mathcal{P}_{x+1}$ .

# Examples

Let's now see some examples of synthesized programs.

# A10445: squares modulo 84

OEIS sequence

0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 21, 25, 28, 36, 37, 49, 57, 60, 64, 72, 81

Synthesized program

$$\{x \mid (x^4 - x) \bmod 84 = 0\}$$

with  $84 = 2 \times f^2(2)$  and  $f(x) = x \times x + x$

Proof: Left to the listener.

# Example: characteristic function of primes

OEIS sequence

0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1,  $\dots$ , 1, 0

Synthesized program

$$((x \times x!) \bmod (1 + x)) \bmod 2$$

Proof: Left to the listener.

# Example: prime numbers

OEIS sequence

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, . . . , 271

Synthesized program

$$\{x \mid 2^x \equiv 2 \pmod{x}\}$$

Proof: 341 is a counterexample



## Example: A294082 by David Cerna

1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 4, 3, 1, 1, 14, 9, 4, 1, 1, 184, 75, 16, 5, 1, 1, 33674, 5553, 244...

OEIS description: Square array read by antidiagonals:

$T(m, n) = T(m, n-1)^2 - T(m, n-2)^2 + T(m, n-2)$  with  $T(1, n) = 1$ ,  $T(m, 0) = 1$ , and  $T(m, 1) = m$ .

Program:

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loop2(1 + (((x * x) - x) + y), y, 0 - (1 + loop(x - (if x <
  1, loop(loop(y, x - y, x), x, x)))
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Proof: Left to the reader.

# Selection of 123 Solved Sequences

Table: Samples of the solved sequences.

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<a href="https://oeis.org/A317485">https://oeis.org/A317485</a>	Number of Hamiltonian paths in the $n$ -Bruhat graph.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A349073">https://oeis.org/A349073</a>	$a(n) = U(2^n, n)$ , where $U(n, x)$ is the Chebyshev polynomial of the second kind.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A293339">https://oeis.org/A293339</a>	Greatest integer $k$ such that $k/2^n < 1/e$ .
<a href="https://oeis.org/A1848">https://oeis.org/A1848</a>	Crystal ball sequence for 6-dimensional cubic lattice.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A8628">https://oeis.org/A8628</a>	Molien series for $A_5$ .
<a href="https://oeis.org/A259445">https://oeis.org/A259445</a>	Multiplicative with $a(n) = n$ if $n$ is odd and $a(2^s) = 2$ .
<a href="https://oeis.org/A314106">https://oeis.org/A314106</a>	Coordination sequence Gal.6.199.4 where G.u.t.v denotes the coordination sequence for a vertex of type $v$ in tiling number $t$ in the Galebach list of $u$ -uniform tilings
<a href="https://oeis.org/A311889">https://oeis.org/A311889</a>	Coordination sequence Gal.6.129.2 where G.u.t.v denotes the coordination sequence for a vertex of type $v$ in tiling number $t$ in the Galebach list of $u$ -uniform tilings.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A315334">https://oeis.org/A315334</a>	Coordination sequence Gal.6.623.2 where G.u.t.v denotes the coordination sequence for a vertex of type $v$ in tiling number $t$ in the Galebach list of $u$ -uniform tilings.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A315742">https://oeis.org/A315742</a>	Coordination sequence Gal.5.302.5 where G.u.t.v denotes the coordination sequence for a vertex of type $v$ in tiling number $t$ in the Galebach list of $u$ -uniform tilings.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A004165">https://oeis.org/A004165</a>	OEIS writing backward
<a href="https://oeis.org/A83186">https://oeis.org/A83186</a>	Sum of first $n$ primes whose indices are primes.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A88176">https://oeis.org/A88176</a>	Primes such that the previous two primes are a twin prime pair.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A96282">https://oeis.org/A96282</a>	Sums of successive twin primes of order 2.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A53176">https://oeis.org/A53176</a>	Primes $p$ such that $2p + 1$ is composite.
<a href="https://oeis.org/A267262">https://oeis.org/A267262</a>	Total number of OFF (white) cells after $n$ iterations of the "Rule 111" elementary cellular automaton starting with a single ON (black) cell.

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Thank you for your attention!

<https://github.com/Anon52MI4/oeis-alien>